

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Prior to entry of this Amendment, claims 8-23 were pending in this application. Claim 23 has been canceled (claims 1-7 were previously canceled), and claims 17-22 have been withdrawn. No new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 8-16 are now pending for examination in this application

Election/Restriction

The Office Action has required restriction of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of two inventions. More specifically, the Office Action has restricted the claims to two inventions or groups in which claims 8-22 are identified as invention I, while claim 23 is identified as invention II. If invention I is elected, the Office action has required the election of species A (claims 8-16) or species B (claims 17-22).

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of group I, species A, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to present the non-elected claims in a subsequent divisional application, or rejoin them in this application as appropriate. Thus, Applicants hereby cancel the claim of group II (claim 23), withdraw the claims of group I, species B (claims 17-22), and request consideration and examination of the claims of group I, species A (claims 8-16).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

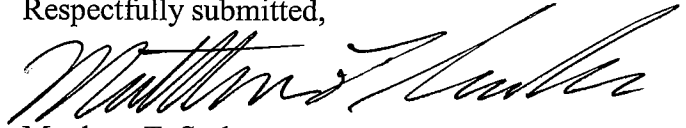
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